

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

MARTIN F. MCKERNAN, JR., ESQ.

## HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, after years of demonstrated dedication and commitment to his community and country, we celebrate the life and achievements of Martin F. McKernan, Jr. Devoted to his family, faith, and the law, Martin McKernan, Jr. had an immeasurable impact on all who knew him. A devout Roman Catholic, Martin F. McKernan, Jr. was named a knight of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II and carried his faith and values with him in all his endeavors. He was a beloved uncle, brother, son, friend, and colleague.

Born and raised in South Jersey, he completed his undergraduate education at St. Joseph's University and earned his JD from Georgetown University before serving his country in the 404th Civil Affairs Battalion of the U.S. Army Reserves in Trenton, NJ. Upon his discharge, he returned to Camden City to serve as the City Attorney and went on to hold numerous prestigious positions to the benefit of his community.

Martin McKernan, Jr. served in numerous roles and capacities, some of which include legal counsel to the Diocese of Camden, a member of the bar of the U.S. District Court of New Jersey, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the U.S. Supreme Court; an original trustee of the Camden Center for Law and Justice, trustee of Rowan University and the Cooper Medical School of Rowan, along with the attorney of record for the Camden County Board of Social Services among many, many more.

## HONORING ANTHONY TATE

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a tenacious and ambitious gentleman, Mr. Anthony Tate. Anthony has shown what can be done through hard work, dedication, and a desire to achieve.

Anthony Tate is a Chicago native, Yazoo City resident and graduate of Yazoo City High School. Tate has been employed at Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) for over 11 years and is a Mental Health Technician working in Forensic Services.

Anthony has been named MSH August Employee of the Month for Direct Care. The MSH Employee of the Month award recognizes employees who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital through their work.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Anthony Tate for his passion and desire to serve others.

REMEMBERING LISA SANDOMIR

## HON. RUBEN GALLEG0

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GALLEG0. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life and mourn the loss of Lisa Sandomir. Ms. Sandomir was a longtime Phoenix-area educator and principal of Maurice C. Cash Elementary School for the past sixteen years. She passed away tragically last week as the result of a car accident.

Ms. Sandomir was beloved by students, parents, and fellow teachers. During her time as principal, M.C. Cash was named an A+ School of Excellence and, in 2015, she was awarded the prestigious Rodel Exemplary Principal award for her leadership. Ms. Sandomir believed in creating a positive environment where every student was given the opportunity to succeed and often reminded her students to never stop believing in themselves, just as she never stopped believing in them.

My thoughts are with Ms. Sandomir's family, the students and staff of M.C. Cash Elementary School, and the entire Laveen community during this difficult time. Although Ms. Sandomir will be greatly missed, her legacy will be carried on through the thousands of students whose lives she touched.

## RESOLUTION RELATED TO CUBA, H. RES. 760

## HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2021, I inadvertently voted in favor of H. Res. 760 when I intended to vote against it. Even though the resolution passed by a large margin in the House of Representatives, I oppose this resolution and am disappointed it passed the House.

Let me be clear: I strongly support those in Cuba who are protesting against the repressive and anti-democratic Cuban regime, and I support this resolution's sentiment in solidarity with Cubans who are demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms.

However, this resolution is flawed and does not present real solutions for Cuba or its people. It completely ignores the U.S.'s decades-long failed policy toward Cuba and fails to acknowledge the negative impact that this failed U.S. policy has had on the Cuban people.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked with my colleagues to change the decades-long failed U.S. policy toward Cuba. Among the goals I've worked toward are lifting the ban on U.S. citizens traveling to Cuba and lifting the restrictions on selling food and medicine to Cuba. I have supported legislation that would achieve these goals.

I was also a supporter of former President Obama's proposals to allow U.S. companies to establish banking relations, ease travel restrictions, and export some goods including agricultural products—and I strongly oppose former President Trump's reversal of these Obama-era policies.

At the beginning of President Biden's administration, I joined several of my colleagues in urging President Biden to take executive action to reverse the Trump administration's wrong-headed policies toward Cuba, return to the Obama administration's diplomatic proposals, and pursue an end to the nearly six-decade-long economic embargo of Cuba.

As a longtime supporter of reviewing our country's position on Cuba, I will continue to support reform efforts.

## HONORING BREAST CANCER SURVIVOR MS. LATANIA DODD

## HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual and breast cancer survivor, Ms. Latania Dodd.

Ms. Latania Dodd, CEO of Dodd Consulting Co. in Itta Bena, MS, is a certified Community Health Worker with Cross Roads Clinic under the governance of Delta Regional Health Center in Greenville, MS. Her ongoing aspiration is evidenced in her passionate outreach work in supporting the health needs of people throughout the Delta communities.

Ms. Dodd's career path of Community Health Worker aligns with her work experience in years past, as Director of Community Engagement with the University Medical Center/Patient Center Outreach Research Institute, SPOIV Regional Diabetes Coordinator with the Mississippi State Dept. of Health Office of Prevention, and worked as a volunteer with The Fannie Lou Hamer Cancer Foundation of Ruleville, MS under the leadership of CEO Freddie White.

She has studied at Mississippi Valley State University, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University, South Eastern Career and Vocational School, and Lamar Medical Institute. Ms. Dodd has several certifications, including Clinical Medical Assistant, Direct Care Nurse, Phlebotomist, Certified Lifestyle Coach, Community Health Worker, and Community Health Advisor and Trainer.

She is the mother of Dezmund A. Dodd, her teenage son, the daughter of the late Willie C. Dodd, her loving and supportive father, and her mother, Bertha L. Dodd. In 2020, with the onset of COVID-19, Ms. Dodd was faced with two of the most devastating challenges in her life—a diagnosis of Stage IIb In Situ Carcinoma Breast Cancer and the loss of her father at the same time. It was the toughest battle she has ever encountered, but her faith in

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God and her fighting spirit sustained her through the double mastectomy with reconstruction and chemotherapy treatments.

Ms. Dodd is a cancer survivor, as of February 4, 2021. Her desire is to help support other young women in their battle with breast cancer by sharing her story and her belief: "You Can Do This; We Can Do This Together!"

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Latania Dodd for her resilience and willpower despite obstacles such as breast cancer.

GWENDOLYN A. FAISON

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, Gwendolyn A. Faison was a Clinton, North Carolina native, but has called Camden home for most of her life. A loving mother and grandmother, Faison dedicated her life to her family, city and her country.

Mayor Gwendolyn A. Faison retired with 27 years devoted to public service. Faison was first elected to the Camden City Council in 1983. Two years later she became a member of the Camden County Board of Commissioners, and in 1997 she would become the first female African-American Camden City Council President.

Mayor Faison's commitment to serving her city and country did not stop there. She would be elected as the first female African-American Mayor of Camden, New Jersey in the December of 2000. Her term began on July 1, 2001. She won reelection in 2005 and served until 2010.

RECOGNIZING FIRST LIEUTENANT  
GRANT HAXTON

**HON. JUDY CHU**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Ms. CHU. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize U.S. Army First Lieutenant Grant Haxton for his bravery, heroism, and service to our country. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Grant when he interned in my Washington, D.C. office in spring 2018.

Grant is an infantry platoon leader with the 82nd Airborne Division, which was deployed in August to the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan as the Taliban closed in on the city. He and his fellow soldiers helped secure the perimeter of the airport for two weeks as they evacuated over 120,000 Americans, Afghan allies, and other vulnerable people to safety. After weeks of selfless dedication to the mission, Grant left on one of the last transport planes out of Kabul. It is thanks to heroes like Grant that our military was able to coordinate one of the largest airlifts in history.

Grant is a 2015 graduate of La Cañada High School, just outside of my congressional district. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop 509 at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 2014. As

a student at the University of Wisconsin—Madison, Grant served as a legislative intern in my Washington, D.C. office. Through this position, he helped respond to constituents over the phone and through mail, greeted visitors in the front office, conducted tours of the U.S. Capitol, and assisted my legislative team with research and administrative support. He is remembered fondly by my staff for his diligent work, sense of humor, and passion for public service.

I commend Grant for his dedication to his community and to his country. I am fortunate to have had such a selfless public servant on my team, and I am proud to see all of Grant's incredible accomplishments since his time in my office.

IN MEMORY OF MABEL KEHINDE  
SODEINDE

**HON. MARC A. VEASEY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and contributions of Mabel Kehinde Sodeinde of Arlington, Texas.

Mabel was a diligent, respectful, and intelligent young woman who lit up the lives of all those around her during the twenty-three years that she spent on this earth. Mabel was a proud 2017 high school graduate of the Uplift Summit International Preparatory and then went on to study at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. During her time at Texas Tech University, Mabel held multiple leadership positions and graduated magna cum laude with dual degrees in both political science and history and numerous honors in 2021.

My office and I had the privilege of getting to know Mabel as a congressional intern in our office in early 2020. She was a great member of our team who worked with both our staffers and the other interns to serve the people of Texas' 33rd District.

Most recently, Mabel was focused on making a difference in the world and advancing civil rights through continuing her education as a first-year student at the Northwestern Pritzker School of Law.

Her loss is devastatingly painful for her family, friends, and all of us who had the privilege to know her during her time on Capitol Hill. Our thoughts and prayers are with her loved ones. We will miss her dearly.

RECOGNIZING THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ENVIVA FACILITY  
IN AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA

**HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD**

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 10th anniversary of the Enviva's flagship facility in Ahoskie, North Carolina, in my congressional district.

Enviva produces renewable wood bioenergy from low-value and residual wood. For the past decade, Enviva has grown to become a valued and trusted member of the community.

The Ahoskie facility has created over 300 jobs and has an economic footprint of \$160 million per year in the area. In total, Enviva has generated 1,800 jobs and nearly \$1 billion in economic output through their four production facilities and port terminal in North Carolina.

Enviva's sustainable forestry practices help fight climate change, strengthen rural communities, create well-paid jobs, and contribute to the health and vitality of North Carolina's beloved forests. It supports North Carolina's forestry industry, purchasing low-grade wood and forestry residuals that would otherwise go to waste or rot in the fields. Their work connects the citizens of my district in the global effort to reduce energy derived from coal and mitigate climate change.

Madam Speaker, Enviva's contributions to the First District and the entire state of North Carolina have been profound. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the 10th anniversary of Enviva's flagship facility in Ahoskie, North Carolina.

CELEBRATING CONEY ISLAND'S  
100TH YEAR IN BUSINESS

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Coney Island's 100th year in business. Coney Island was founded in 1921 by brothers Paul and George Nickolopolous. Through many changes of ownership over the years, Coney Island has remained a staple in the Galesburg community. Current owners Maria Valdez and her son, Jesus Valdez, have operated Coney Island since 2004. Each day, the restaurant serves up its famous Coney Island pork hot dogs with brown mustard and onions, covered in beef sauce. The topsecret recipe has remained largely the same over the years and the grill and dining counter are the originals from 1921. I commend Coney Island for its 100 years serving customers.

It is because of strong businesses such as Coney Island in Galesburg, Illinois that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Coney Island on its 100th Year in business.

IN RECOGNITION OF CYNTHIA  
LEHR'S 26 YEARS OF SERVICE  
TO THE CITY OF GIBRALTAR

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize City Clerk Cynthia A. Lehr on the occasion of her retirement after 26 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. Her significant contributions to the Gibraltar community are worthy of commendation.

Clerk Lehr began serving the people of Gibraltar in 1995. She earned her Municipal Clerk Certification from Michigan State University's Municipal Clerk Institute on January 31, 2004. A skilled and accomplished clerk, she was elected Treasurer of the Association of

Wayne County Clerks from 2001 to 2003 and was nominated for Clerk of the Year in 2021.

As City Clerk, Mrs. Lehr was responsible for some of the most important duties of local government. Tasked with keeping the journal of city meetings and commissions, she diligently attended city gatherings and kept the public up to speed on the issues of the day. The face of elections in the City of Gibraltar, Clerk Lehr and her team work tirelessly to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the city's elections, spending tens of hours counting votes and submitting tallies.

A friendly face to city visitors and residents alike, Clerk Lehr—known as Cindy to friends—has been helping Gibraltar residents vote and maintain important records for nearly three decades. An active volunteer, Mrs. Lehr is a 23-year member of the International Rotary Club. A loving mother and grandmother, Mrs. Lehr and her husband Paul have 7 children and 18 grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Clerk Cynthia Lehr for her exemplary 26 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. She will be missed at Gibraltar City Hall, but I join with Cindy's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to her in retirement.

IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE  
LYNMORE JAMES

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a devoted Man of God, a distinguished public servant, dedicated husband, loving father, inspiring mentor, and dear friend of longstanding, The Honorable Lynmore James. Sadly, Lynmore transitioned from labor to reward on Friday, October 29, 2021. His funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021, at the Macon County High School Gym in Montezuma, Georgia.

Lynmore James was born on August 28, 1937, in Byromville, Georgia to the union of the late Mr. Will James and Mrs. Hannah James Johnson. A product of the Macon County School System, he graduated from Flint River Farms School, before going on to receive his Bachelor of Science degree in Building Construction from Tuskegee University in Alabama. Lynmore was a very successful farmer in Macon County and a valued team leader in the Quality Control Division at Ford Motor Company.

He served in the General Assembly of Georgia for nine terms from 1992 through 2010. While proudly serving as the State Representative for House District 135, he served on several House Committees including Agriculture & Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Regulated Industries, and Retirement. Lynmore was actively involved in improving the quality of life and local economies for his constituents in Dooly, Peach, Talbot, and Taylor Counties.

But Madam Speaker, his commitment to public service did not end there. Lynmore was more than a legislator, he was a servant to all humankind. He gave of himself to countless

causes and organizations including the Flag Bank Board of Directors, the Flint River Community Hospital Governing Board, the Georgia Center for Youth Advisory, the Georgia Agri-Leaders Forum, the Fort Valley State University Foundation Board, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated. Dr. Maya Angelou once said that "I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back." Lynmore threw a prodigious amount of love and service back to the communities and state he loved so dearly.

Lynmore accomplished much in his life, but none of this would have been possible without his enduring faith in God, and the love and support of his wife of 49 years, Faye Hardrick James; his sons Lynorris, Mack Carlton, and Jefferey; and a host of other family, friends, and associates, all of whom will miss him deeply.

On a personal note, Lynmore James was a dear friend to me. He was elected to the Georgia General Assembly the same year that I was called to serve in the U.S. Congress, and we represented the same constituencies during his service. We bonded over helping our constituents, especially during the flood of 1994 when many of them were displaced and disadvantaged because of the natural disaster. The advice, counsel, friendship, and support that I received from Lynmore as Congressman for the Second Congressional District was immeasurable. He never told me what I wanted to hear, but he always told me what he felt I needed to hear.

Lynmore was truly a great state representative for Middle Georgia and a stellar example of how a public servant should serve his constituents. His friendship, leadership, and counsel will be sorely missed.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join my wife, Vivian, and me, along with the more than 730,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, in honoring the life and legacy of The Honorable Lynmore James for his remarkable service to humankind. Moreover, we extend our deepest condolences to Lynmore's family, friends, and all those who grieve his loss, during this period of bereavement. We pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

HONORING THE VILLAGE  
RESTAURANT

**HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable community grocer, The Village Restaurant—TGS Community Quick Shop.

The Village Restaurant originally opened in 1986 in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. A true family-owned business is now owned and operated by brothers and sisters—Dr. Marvel Turner (a CPA by trade), head cook Deloris Turner Daugherty and manager, Dorothy Turner Griffith. When the business was started in the mid-1980's, six Turners were involved along with three siblings—they included mother, Alla Fair Turner (now deceased), brother Allen Tur-

ner and Etta Turner Simpson, who just recently passed away in January. Deloris and Dorothy manage to take turns in the kitchen, and they currently have six employees on staff to help them prepare food. The front of their business is a grocery/convenience store, and the back section is where the restaurant is located. They sell a variety of meats, fruits, vegetables and produce. Their store is really a "full-service" type of restaurant.

Recalling the history of The Village Restaurant (which was first known by the initials T.G.S.), Deloris Daugherty said her mother, Alla Fair, lived across the street from its current location in the 80's. At that time, the building was vacant because the previous tenant had gone out of business. Their mother did not want the vacant building to become a nightclub or a loud bar in the community, so she and Marvel got together and bought the building. The Village Restaurant was started with the money she had saved up. Their journey began as a convenient store—cooking burgers, chicken, fish, french fries and other food items. Then it grew into a full-fledged restaurant. Eventually, Deloris left her job in Jackson where she worked at the old Hancock Fabric store to come and help in 1986. Additionally, Dorothy and Etta were schoolteachers and would come in to work after they finished their day jobs.

After thirty-five (35) years, The Village Restaurant remains the archetype icon and central foundation of a family business that retains devotion, commitment, and encouragement for generations to come.

It is with honor to commend the vision of such a remarkable and successful family business as The Village Restaurant "TGS", which still serves the community through service and commitment that has sustained Turner family throughout this journey, and whose venture is a testament to God's promise of success and longevity to those who diligently seek Him and obey His will.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing The Village Restaurant—TGS Community Quick Shop for their passion and desire to serve others.

HONORING UNITED STATES ARMY  
SPECIALIST 4, GEORGE  
OSBORNE, JR.

**HON. FRANK J. MRVAN**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. MRVAN. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and admiration that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's heroes, United States Army Specialist 4 (SP4) George Osborne, Jr., who was killed in action in Vietnam on November 22, 1967. On this upcoming Veterans' Day, SP4 Osborne will be recognized with a special tribute, and I join Mayor Jerome Prince and the citizens of Gary, Indiana, in honoring his service, courage, and sacrifice.

George Osborne Jr. was born on January 30, 1948, in Crystal Springs, Mississippi, to George and Virginia Osborne. Throughout his youth, George was an avid drummer with his school's band, and he took a special interest in automobiles and electronics, the latter of which influenced his decision to join the military. Following his graduation from William H.

Holtzclaw High School, located in his hometown of Crystal Springs, in May 1966, George relocated to Gary, Indiana. There he worked for a short time at Inland Steel before enlisting in the Army on November 29, 1966.

After completing his required training, SP4 Osborne's tour in Vietnam commenced on May 20, 1967. He is remembered for his commitment toward the ideals of freedom for all and for his concern for those with whom he fought. During his time in Vietnam, SP4 Osborne made a great impact on his fellow soldiers, one of whom would later contact his family to tell the story of the day George saved his life. Tragically, on November 22, 1967, while transporting a mortar round, it exploded, and SP4 Osborne sustained a fatal fragment wound. While there is great sorrow in his young life being lost that day, SP4 Osborne's service and sacrifice will forever be remembered by a proud community and a grateful nation.

Following his death, SP4 Osborne was posthumously awarded the Military Merit Award. For his service and sacrifice, he is also a recipient of numerous awards including the Purple Heart, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Vietnamese Merit Medal, and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry.

George is remembered fondly by his friends and family. He is survived by his brothers, Herbert, Glen and Robert Osborne, and his sister, Georgia Osborne-Davis. He was also the cherished son of George Sr. and Virginia, and the beloved brother of Melvin Wilson, Will Osborne, Lula Osborne, and Lois Osborne-Kemp, all of whom have passed on.

Madam Speaker, at this time, I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring a fallen hero, SP4 George Osborne, Jr. SP4 Osborne is a true patriot who fought not only for his country but for the freedom of all people. He made the ultimate sacrifice and will forever remain a hero to his family and friends, to his community, and to all those for whom he served. Thus, let us never forget the sacrifice he made to preserve the ideals of freedom and democracy.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF MARY INA JONES HENDLEY

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 100th birthday of Mary Ina Jones Hendley.

Ina was born November 25, 1921, to Fisher and Mary Griffin Jones, a farming family in South Georgia. One of 14 children, her family depended on her to help with childcare and their farm. Her father was a carpenter and businessman, so she also helped in the family store. Ina graduated high school the top of her class in Nashville, Georgia.

Like her father, she was proficient in mathematics. She worked for a local agricultural manufacturer until marrying her high school sweetheart, Willard Hendley. Willard served proudly in the United States Navy during

World War II, in the Pacific theater. They lived in several port areas during the war. Later they returned to raise their two daughters in Nashville.

Ina and Willard assumed leadership roles in the community and their church. Accounting was Ina's interest and she completed courses that led to work as a finance officer at Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia. She continued her education through off-campus courses offered by Troy University and attained a BS in Business. She also earned an MBA from Valdosta State University. After her daughters left home, Ina accepted a position as Payroll Supervisor at Patrick AFB, in Satellite Beach, Florida.

They witnessed rocket launches near Cape Canaveral and enjoyed having their grandchildren observe these historic events. When she retired at 70, her coworkers gave her a signed photo of the space shuttle. After retiring, Ina was a caregiver for Willard. During this time, Ina worked towards a Religious Education degree, including time as an extension student with New Orleans Baptist Seminary. She completed several mission trips with her church teaching English as a Second Language.

In her early 80's, Ina returned to her hometown of Nashville and sang in church choir, helped at the food bank and served as a "Pink Lady" at the hospital and nursing home.

In 2013, she moved to be near her second daughter and resides in Alexander City, Alabama. Ina attributes her health to being active; loving to walk, exercise and read.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Ina and wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

#### RECOGNIZING RECOVERY LIGHTHOUSE

##### HON. VICKY HARTZLER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. HARTZLER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an amazing group, Recovery Lighthouse in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Founded in 2006 by Dr. Adriatik Likcani and the late Mr. Douglas Quimbach, the organization began as a drop-in counseling center for individuals and families in the Warrensburg area. Today, Recovery Lighthouse offers outpatient counseling in Warrensburg and Sedalia. The organization also runs five long-term sober-living houses, the first of which was LIME Tree, a house for women in recovery. They now have two houses for women, two for women and children, and one for men, with another men's house opening soon. These houses give those in recovery a place to continue their sobriety, hold a job, and build interpersonal relationships until they are ready to live on their own.

Recovery Lighthouse offers training and development courses for their staff to provide them with the necessary tools to better understand what it takes to provide treatment and recovery support for individuals. This, along with partnering with their community to advocate for recovery, are just a few of the ways Recovery Lighthouse stays true to their mission of providing people with as much support as possible in a safe and caring environment.

Recovery Lighthouse is a truly wonderful organization working to help communities in Missouri's Fourth Congressional District overcome substance-use disorders and provide for them a helping hand along the path to full recovery. I commend Dr. Likcani and all the staff for implementing such a life-changing program and look forward to seeing them impact their communities for years to come.

#### RECOGNIZING WILLIAM "BILL" LIVESAY ON BEING NAMED THE 2021 ST. CLAIR COUNTY MICHIGAN VETERANS COUNCIL VETERAN OF THE YEAR

##### HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. McCLAIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize William "Bill" Livesay of East China, Michigan, on being named the 2021 St. Clair County Michigan Veterans Council Veteran of the Year. Bill was nominated for this award by the St. Clair County Voiture Locale 120, 40et8.

When you look at Bill's resume, you won't be surprised why he has been awarded this high honor. Bill embodies selfless patriotism towards his country and thoughtful service to his community. Soon after graduating high school, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1965 and trained in Aerospace Ground Equipment. He left active duty in 1969 and enlisted in the Michigan Air National Guard, 127th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Soon after in 1971, the Wing relocated to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Bill supported and deployed numerous times during operations in Southwest Asia, Kosovo, the Iraq campaign, and also served as a military advisor to the Latvian Ministry of Defense. In January of 1998, he was appointed 127th Wing Senior Enlisted Advisor and was then appointed Command Chief Master Sergeant. In 2000, he was selected as the Michigan Air National Guard Command Chief. He retired in September 2003 with 38 years, 2 months, and 23 days of service. During this time, he received awards such as the Meritorious Service Medal with two Bronze Oak Leaves, Air Force Commendation Medal with a Bronze Oak Leaf, and the Air Force Achievement Medal with a Bronze Oak Leaf.

After his retirement, Bill was employed by the United States Army and assigned to the Heavy Tactical Vehicle Division Tank & Automotive Command, in Warren, Michigan. As an equipment specialist, he was involved in direct support of all Heavy Tactical Vehicles during the initial stages of the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. He finally retired in January 2013 with more than 47 years of government service.

In retirement, Bill has kept active. He has been a member of the American Legion Post 382 for 17 years, serving as their Post Adjutant since 2016. He is also a member of the Post Honor Guard and Post Color Guard, and since 2014, he has been a member of the St. Clair County Veterans Council Honor Guard team. There have been over 1,500 veterans' funerals and community ceremonial events in which he has performed. Any veteran who has

an issue, should seek out Bill; he has been a constant promoter of veterans' programs that highlight available benefits. If he does not know an answer, you can be sure he will do all he can to find the answer.

It is an honor to recognize such a great American. Bill has dedicated his life to this country and its veterans. It is my hope that Bill recognizes the enormous impact he has had. The example he has set will be followed for years to come. I congratulate Bill on this honor and I thank him for his service. I wish him many more years of dedicated and selfless service.

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HONORING THE 75TH INACTIVATION ANNIVERSARY OF THE 65TH INFANTRY

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**HON. STEVEN M. PALAZZO**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. PALAZZO. Madam Speaker, today, I commemorate the 75th Inactivation Anniversary of General George S. Patton's 3rd Army, 65th Infantry Division.

The 65th Infantry Division was activated on August 16, 1943, at Camp Shelby, Mississippi under the command of Major General Stanley E. Reinhart. Upon completion of their training, the soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division were transported by train to Camp Shanks, New York and departed via troop ships on January 10, 1945, for combat in Europe. In the face of severe aggression from Germany, they were transported aboard ships from England to a barely functional France. The 65th Infantry Division set up Camp Lucky Strike despite extremely harsh winter conditions and low supply and food rations. During the Second World War, this unit fulfilled its motto of "Right to Be Proud" as they fought their way to victory. The soldiers traveled a total of 850 miles from Le Havre, France, to Enns, Austria.

The soldiers of the 65th Infantry Division have been awarded numerous honors for their heroism and valor in battle. They received the Congressional Medal of Honor, 7 Distinguished Service Crosses, 11 Legion of Merits, 67 Silver Stars, 4 Soldier Medals, 690 Bronze Stars, and 19 Air Medals.

On August 31, 1945, the 65th Infantry Division was inactivated. A few years later, veterans of the unit held annual reunions to provide support and encouragement to their comrades in arms and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not make it home.

They were just young men when they put aside their hopes and dreams to answer our nation's call. Today, on behalf of the 4th Congressional District I am honored to recognize the heroes of the 65th Infantry Division on their 75th Inactivation Anniversary ceremony.

They are truly members of the greatest generation.

ISABELLA ROSE DORIAN  
MEMORIAL

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, Isabella Rose Dorian was born in Houston, Texas, on October 8, 1941, to Mannis Dorian and Annie Cormier Dorian. Isabella's parents instilled in her a strong work ethic, leading her to become the first member of her family to pursue higher education. Isabella attended Texas Southern University before transferring to and graduating from the University of Texas—Medical Branch in Galveston ("UTMB") with a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy.

With encouragement from her uncle and Godfather, Louis Dorian, Isabella began her career as a physical therapist by serving those in need in the Fifth Ward community. Isabella rejoiced in her work, taking pride in helping patients recover in ways they scarcely could have imagined when they received their initial prognosis. While working at the St. Elizabeth Hospital, Isabella reunited with a onetime college suitor, Eugene Edwards, who had become a pharmacist. The pair married in 1976 and would go on to raise two daughters, Valerie and Ananda. Isabella and Edward instilled their shared values of hard work and service to others in Valerie and Ananda. Isabella's daughters pursued careers in television and filmmaking, as well as law and public service, each making her immensely proud.

Isabella is survived by her daughters, Valerie and Ananda Edwards; her granddaughter, Dylan Rose Beavers; her niece, Shandra Mason; her great-niece; her great-nephew; her brother-in-law and a loving community. Isabella's passion for service and education were an inspiration to all who met her. She will be dearly missed.

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RENACER ACT, S. 1064

**HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, on November 3, 2021, I voted Present on S. 1064, the Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act of 2021.

Let me be clear: I strongly oppose Nicaraguan dictator Daniel Ortega and his repressive and antidemocratic regime. The ills of Ortega's authoritarian regime are manifold. Ortega and his cronies have intimidated or arrested virtually all potential political opposition in the country. Ortega has engaged in numerous human rights abuses, and he has enriched himself and his allies while decimating the Nicaraguan economy and its people.

While I sympathize with this legislation's intent to crack down on Ortega and his cronies, it's not clear that the legislation as written would effectively achieve these aims. Instead, the legislation's text appears to require broad-based sanctions that could contribute to further economic collapse in the country, negatively impact the Nicaraguan people, exacer-

bate a migration crisis, and further consolidate Ortega's grip on power.

This legislation also did not go through the normal legislative process in the House. Instead of receiving scrutiny through the traditional committee and amendment process, this legislation was put on the floor last-minute as a suspension without adequate input from Members or the House Financial Services Committee—which I understand had significant reservations with the legislation's text.

As we've seen in other countries where the U.S. has engaged in broad-based sanctions, these types of sanctions do not always achieve their intended result. When appropriate, I support smart, targeted sanctions that limit adverse effects on civilian populations. Unfortunately, this legislation—and the lack of adequate legislative scrutiny—does not meet that standard.

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END PALM OIL DEFORESTATION  
ACT

**HON. JOHN GARAMENDI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act," which would incentivize all palm oil products imported into the United States to be certified by credible third-party standards for lawful, ethical, and sustainable sourcing of palm oil like the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil. My bill would also prohibit American taxpayer dollars from funding destructive practices or forced labor for palm oil cultivation.

As President Biden stated this week in his address at the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference—known as "COP26"—tropical forests worldwide are a significant carbon sink increasingly lost to deforestation. The United States and all countries must act as responsible stewards of this resource.

Unsustainably cultivated palm oil—used in a variety of food products, cosmetics, and biofuels—is one of the primary drivers of tropical deforestation worldwide. Remarkably, imported palm oil has virtually no requirements under federal law to demonstrate that it is cultivated and harvested sustainably or even legally in the country of origin. At the 40th Session of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) Assembly in 2019, the global aviation sector committed to transition towards the use of advanced biofuels. As the commercialize airline industry makes this transition to purportedly "sustainable aviation fuels," the global demand for palm oil is only set to increase. That is why we must act immediately to ensure that only sustainably and ethically sourced palm oil is sold in the United States.

My "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act" would establish a preference under federal law for imports of certified sustainable palm oil and palm oil products. It would also require that all palm oil products, whether food, cosmetics, or fuel, bear a label stating their country of origin, allowing American consumers to make informed decisions. In addition, my bill would remove palm oil from eligibility under the grandfathered facility clause of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) under which unsustainable,

foreign-sourced palm oil is allowed into the RFS program. Congress always intended for the RFS to support domestic biofuel production, not imports.

I appreciate that oil palm trees have the potential to provide efficient, low-carbon oil, but the United States must take a stand against human rights abuses and destructive cultivation practices that set us back in our efforts to combat climate change and global deforestation. American foreign relief, including financing provided under the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, cannot support unsustainable practices, enable foreign corruption, or contribute to forced labor, child labor, or the displacement of indigenous peoples.

Madam Speaker, the United States must ensure that palm oil imports are grown in a lawful, sustainable, ethical, and responsible manner. I urge all Members to join me in co-sponsoring the "End Palm Oil Deforestation Act."

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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF  
PHOENIX PRIDE

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**HON. RUBEN GALLEGO**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. GALLEGO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 40th annual Phoenix Pride Festival and Parade which will take place on November 6th and 7th. Each year, this event brings together Arizonans, entertainers, vendors, and community resources to celebrate and uplift members of the Arizona LGBTQ+ community and to further Phoenix Pride's mission of creating a more diverse, inclusive, and equal Arizona.

In addition to celebrating the 40th anniversary of Phoenix Pride, I would also like to recognize and thank the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation which has given over \$1 million in contributions since its creation. The Phoenix Pride Community Foundation supports the work of non-profits serving the LGBTQ+ community in Arizona through its grants programs and helps LGBTQ+ students and allies achieve their dreams of higher education through its scholarship program.

Since its founding in 1981, Phoenix Pride has been a beacon of hope and acceptance for the Phoenix LGBTQ+ community. Thanks in part to the hard work of Phoenix Pride, Phoenix ranks among the most LGBTQ+-friendly cities in the state, with protections against discrimination and a strong, involved LGBTQ+ community. While significant progress has been made in recent years, Phoenix Pride continues to tirelessly work to combat homophobia, transphobia, and discrimination in Arizona and across the country.

I would like to again congratulate Phoenix Pride on their 40th Festival and Parade, thank them for their work to make Phoenix a more inclusive and just city, and wish them all the best on another 40 years.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FORMER  
VIRGINIA GOVERNOR, LINWOOD  
HOLTON, JR.

**HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I take this time to remember former Virginia Governor Linwood Holton Jr., who passed away on October 28, 2021. Linwood was the state of Virginia's first Republican governor elected post-Reconstruction, and his tireless efforts for political cooperation between the two parties led to progress that would impact not only the Commonwealth, but the entire nation.

Linwood's love for politics was sparked at a young age. In high school, he was involved in a mock government program that was run through Virginia Tech. It was at this point that Linwood realized his long-term goal in life was to serve as governor of Virginia. He then began his studies at Washington and Lee, but in 1943, he entered the Navy as an engineering officer, serving with the Submarine Force. After the war, Linwood finished his undergraduate degree at Washington and Lee and was admitted to Harvard Law School, where he graduated in 1949.

Throughout Linwood's time as Governor from 1970 through 1974, he was a champion for civil rights that led the effort to end racial discrimination in Virginia. He was the first governor of Virginia to appoint black individuals to high-level government posts. He also led by example during the integration of public schools in Virginia, when he sent his children to schools being integrated.

Linwood's life was filled with patriotism and public service. Linwood believed in two-party cooperation, often reaching across the aisle to consider and enact state-wide policies that would benefit Virginians. He will be missed for his passion for change, but his impact will live on.

He is survived by his wife Virginia, his four children, Anne, Tayloe, Woody, and Dwight, and several grandchildren. His son-in-law, Senator Tim Kaine, continues his legacy of public service.

Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me and countless others as we recognize the many contributions of Linwood Holton, Jr.

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PERSONAL EXPLANATION

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**HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON**

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Speaker, due to personal reasons, I was unable to vote on November 3, 2021. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on roll call No. 354, and YEA on roll call No. 355.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAYOR  
JAMES GORRIS' 16 YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GI-  
BRALTAR

**HON. DEBBIE DINGELL**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mayor James Gorris on the occasion of his retirement after over 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. His significant contributions to the Gibraltar community are worthy of commendation.

Born in Wyandotte, Michigan and a graduate of Lincoln Park High School, Mayor James Gorris is a downriver native. He was first elected to his position in 2009 and was reelected 6 more times until his retirement. Before becoming Mayor of Gibraltar, he served the community as a member of the Gibraltar City Council.

During his tenure as Mayor, Mayor Gorris has improved the lives of Gibraltar residents in many ways. He has led the way in obtaining grants for investments in infrastructure, including the replacement of the bridge over Middle Gibraltar Road, a path for walkers and bikers along the boundary of the Detroit International Wildlife Refuge, and the City's renewal of the water system. Mayor Gorris has worked closely with stakeholders on the multimillion dollar plan to renovate and repurpose the old McLouth Steel Plant.

All who know him can attest to his strength of character and commitment to making Gibraltar a better place for all. Mayor Gorris credits his success to the hard work and dedication of city employees, the city council, and Gibraltar's police and fire departments. His strong relationships within his own community, as well as with state, local, and federal leaders made him a stellar advocate for the exceptional place that he calls home. Mayor Gorris and his wife Tamey have four grown children and they reside in Gibraltar.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mayor James Gorris for his exemplary 16 years of service to the City of Gibraltar, Michigan. I join with Jim's family, friends, and colleagues in extending my best wishes to him in retirement.

HONORING CAPTAIN DAN STEPHAN

**HON. GREG PENCE**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Captain Dan Stephan on his retirement from the Madison, Indiana Police Department following 45 years of public service.

Captain Stephan joined the Madison Police Department on August 29, 1976. Daniel "D.J." Stephan rose through the ranks and was appointed Captain on July 9, 2000. Captain Stephan is Madison's longest serving merit police officer.

Throughout his many years with the Madison Police Department, Captain Stephan served as a firearms instructor and won several "top gun" awards in competition. After working 44 city parades, Captain Stephan

served as the Grand Marshall of this year's Madison July 4th Parade.

My friend, Chief of Police John Wallace noted that D.J.'s "fellow MPD officers will greatly miss him."

Captain Stephan is a dedicated public servant and highly regarded by all. I thank Captain Stephan for his service to Madison. I wish him all the best in a well-deserved retirement.

#### DOD JOINT TASK FORCES TO SUPPORT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

### HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, today I introduce legislation to make permanent and expand the U.S. Department of Defense's authority to use funds from the counterterrorism and drug interdiction budgetary account for federal interagency Joint Task Forces.

These DOD Joint Task Forces coordinate the military and federal agencies on counter-narcotics, counterterrorism, or counter-transnational organized crime activities. United States Africa Command (AFRICOM) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service use this Joint Task Forces funding authority to conduct anti-trafficking and poaching activities in Sub-Saharan Africa. As the former Deputy Secretary of the Interior during the Clinton Administration, I strongly support USFWS's International Affairs Program and wildlife conservation work globally, particularly by that agency's law enforcement officers.

Since first authorized by the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136), Congress has renewed the authority for these Joint Task Forces several times on a temporary basis. Without Congressional action in the NOAA, this authority will sunset at the end of fiscal year 2022. As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Readiness, I plan to make permanently reauthorizing this critical authority a priority during the FY2022 NOAA conference negotiations.

In the House-passed FY2020 NOAA (Public Law 116-92), I secured directive report language on the military's support for combating illicit trafficking, including wildlife and wildlife products. Making the authority for these Joint Task Forces permanent builds upon that work.

Madam Speaker, I look forward to continue working with my colleagues on the House Armed Services Committee to support AFRICOM's efforts with other federal agencies to combat wildlife trafficking and poaching.

#### KEN KLEIN RETIREMENT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of the retirement of Ken Klein, who has served as the Executive Vice President for the Out of Home Advertising Association of America (OAAA) for the past two decades. During his time at OAAA, Ken has

driven the billboard industry into a new era of public service.

Ken spearheaded the OAAA's public-service partnerships with various agencies and non-profits—including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)—to seek new ways to inform and protect Americans.

The FBI partnership is an excellent example of how law enforcement, the private sector, and the public can collectively bring criminals to justice in today's digital age. As a result of Ken's efforts, the FBI has new tools to promote safety and rapidly share information in dangerous situations.

The collaboration and the speed with which digital billboards can publicize crucial fugitive and crime-related information was key to the success of numerous investigative efforts in 2020. For example, outdoor advertising helped nab the "Travelling Bandit"—a serial bank robber—in 2019 and raised awareness on a notorious drug cartel fugitive in 2020 after the individual was added to the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted Fugitives" list. All in all, the FBI credits the capture of 58 fugitives as a direct result of billboard publicity.

Digital billboards have also proved to be a vital tool in disaster preparation and response. A case study posted on FEMA's website reports that, "Digital technology enables quick delivery of emergency messages via high-tech billboards. Public-private partnerships harness these high-tech signs to inform the public about weather warnings, evacuation routes, and safety-related information."

Advances in technology mean that the billboard industry can deliver information in ways unavailable a generation ago. The message on a digital billboard can be changed by computer in an instant.

On August 1, 2007, the I-35W Bridge collapsed in Minneapolis. Within 15 minutes, emergency messages were displayed on digital billboards throughout the area.

After Tropical Storm Fay in August of 2008, 37 different messages were displayed on more than 75 digital billboards in 11 counties in Florida.

When Albuquerque experienced a natural gas emergency, the city quickly posted messages on digital billboards asking the public to lower thermostats and reduce hot water usage.

Immediately after the massive Japanese earthquake in 2011, tsunami warnings appeared on digital billboards on the West Coast.

Finally, Ken also led a partnership with the NCMEC. Because of his hard work, more than 500 AMBER Alerts have been displayed on digital billboards across the country. Law enforcement and NCMEC rely on these high-tech signs to help locate missing children and to apprehend child abductors.

Please join me in extending congratulations to Ken, on the occasion of his retirement, for his successful leadership of OAAA's public-private partnerships, and his contributions to public safety.

#### HONORING LAKETIA MARSHALL-THOMAS

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual, Laketia Marshall-Thomas.

Laketia Marshall-Thomas, a native from Bolton, Mississippi, is the Assistant Superintendent for High Schools with the Jackson Public School District. Mrs. Thomas has served in the field of education for 23 years, which includes her previously serving as Principal of Provine High School from 2011 to 2017, Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Principal at Lanier High School from August 2009 to May 2011, and Assistant Principal at Whitten Middle School from August 2008 to May 2009. She also served as a Mathematics Coach at Blackburn Middle School from August 2006 to May 2008. She established her career as an educator at Brinkley Middle School where she taught Algebra I and 8th grade mathematics from 1997 to 2006 and served as the Girls' Basketball Coach.

Mrs. Thomas's strong commitment is confirmed as a scholar in her educational achievements, which include Hinds County Public School System and attended Hinds County Agricultural High School. Mrs. Thomas began her post-secondary education at Tougaloo College, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Chemistry in 1994. She attended Clark Atlanta University, where she pursued a Master of Science degree in Polymer Chemistry and furthered her studies at Mississippi College receiving a Master of Science and an Educational Specialist in Educational Leadership in 2006 and 2008, respectively. She is currently in dissertation status at Mississippi College pursuing a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership.

Superior academic performance is at the forefront of her instructional goals and has led to school, community, and district recognition. While serving in leadership capacities at Provine High School, Lanier High School, and Blackburn Middle School, Mrs. Thomas was recognized for moving each school from their underperforming status to a level of satisfactory progress. She has been selected as the High School Division's Administrator of the Year for two years. She led student participation in Jackson State University's statewide S.T.E.M. Team Competition with Lanier High School and Provine High School winning first place, both years of participation. Additionally, the Jackson City Council awarded her the Amos Wright Award for community involvement and superior academic performance in 2012 and 2020, and the Outstanding Leadership in Education Award in 2016. She has also received numerous accolades from faculty, staff, and student organizations in recognition of her leadership, loyalty, and service in public education.

Mrs. Thomas prides herself on keeping her life in balance with a strong commitment to God and a loving family. She is married to Jonathan Thomas, Sr. and they have two sons, the late Jonathan, Jr. and Jonah Thomas. Mrs. Thomas strongly believes that schools are "A Building With Four Walls and Tomorrow Inside".



Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life, legacy, and service of Mrs. Laketia Marshall-Thomas.

CONGRATULATING MARLA CLAY  
ON HER RETIREMENT FROM  
COACHING VOLLEYBALL AT  
GALESBURG HIGH SCHOOL

### HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Marla Clay on her retirement following 27 seasons as coach of the Galesburg High School Volleyball Team.

Marla started coaching the Silver Streaks volleyball team in 1994 and currently holds a 407–429 career mark with the team. Throughout her tenure, she has helped countless young athletes develop their skills and a lifetime love of sport. I want to thank Marla for her many years of service at Galesburg High School as a coach and teacher.

It is because of leaders such as Marla Clay that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Marla Clay on her retirement after 27 years as the Silver Streaks' volleyball coach.

JONATHAN W. JERNIGAN

### HON. DONALD NORCROSS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, after 40 years of culinary experience, Chef Jonathan W. Jernigan will be remembered fondly as a true pillar of his community. Jonathan Jernigan began his career in cooking with a job at McDonalds, going on to then graduate from The Restaurant School of Philadelphia, work at Cherry Hill's Greenbrier Restaurant and Camden's Harbor League Club before arriving at Cathedral Kitchen.

Jonathan W. Jernigan's impact as the Executive Chef at Cathedral Kitchen has been immeasurable—from launching a culinary arts training program that has prepared over 400 graduates for careers, to dedicating his efforts to support and feed people who suffered from food insecurity. He played an integral role and was present for all 23 graduating classes of the 17-week culinary arts training program, aimed at those who are unemployed or at risk of homelessness.

Chef Jernigan remained a key contributor to the Cathedral Kitchen until July 2020, when he chose to pursue owning a food truck. His generous presence was felt regardless of his location, as he was remembered to have loaned money, extra meals, and advice to those who needed it. His character followed him wherever he went and left an irreplaceable impression on those he met.

HONORING GILBERT GEORGE  
PROSEK

### HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Gilbert George Prosek, a World War II hero who lost his life in the Pacific Theater in 1944. Gilbert was born October 1, 1921, to George and Theresa Prosek of Chester, IL. He was known to his friends and family as "Gib," and he was familiar for his happy-go-lucky perspective on life. Gilbert lost his father when he was five years old, with he and his mother looking after one another until she remarried to Ben Sebastian. Gilbert had three half-sisters: Helen, Shirley, and Joyce. At 16 years old, Gilbert took a job at the Prim Hosiery Knitting Mill. He enlisted in the Marines at 21, in 1942. The last time most of Gilbert's family saw him was at his going away party, the day he left for basic training. After receiving a Private First Class ranking, Prosek was stationed on Cape Gloucester, New Britain Island. There, he made three charges across a stream to put an enemy gunman out of action and provide covering fire for another member out of his platoon. During this act of heroism, Gilbert's position was exposed and he lost his life. His family was awarded the Navy Cross for extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Gilbert George Prosek of Chester, IL, as we mark 100 years since his birth. On behalf of Southern Illinois, we thank him and his family for their selfless sacrifice in defense of our freedoms.

HONORING NETTY SEARD

### HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a resilient individual, Mrs. Netty Seard.

Netty Ransome Seard was born in the city of Greenville, Mississippi, along with her four sisters and one brother to Ralph and Martha Ransome. Netty graduated from O'Bannon High School in 1994 and went on to pursue a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Speech Communications, Masters of Criminal Justice, and Masters of Social Work all from Mississippi Valley State University.

Netty spent fourteen years at the Mississippi Department of Employment Security where she helped thousands to secure employment and attend college through the Workforce Investment Act Program. In 2015, Netty became a Court Administrator in the Fourth Circuit District of Mississippi.

Netty is no stranger to her community. She believes in Greenville. She has worked tirelessly throughout her adult life being involved in many projects that help women, men and children have a better quality of life.

Netty's community service and affiliations include:

President of the Greenville (MS) Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 2016–2020;

Past President Board of Directors Greenville Arts Council (also served as secretary and treasurer);

Ambassador Greenville Area Chamber of Commerce;

Past Sub-Chapter President for the International Association for Workforce Professionals;

Past Chairperson United Way Housing Initiative Committee;

Past Member of MS Alliance for State Employees-CWA Local 3570;

Member of St. Matthew AME Church, Past YPD Director and Women's Missionary Society;

Past President of the Parent-Teacher Association for Trigg Elementary School (2012–2014);

Trigg Elementary School Parent of the Year 2012–13;

Second Congressional District Parent of the Year 2012–13;

Past Member of the Board of Directors for the Delta Children's Museum;

Past Member of the Board of Directors for the Greenville/Washington Co. Historic Preservation Commission;

36th Mississippi Delta Blues and Heritage Festival-Volunteer of the Year Award 2013; and

Greenville Girls Rock Community M.A.G.I.C. (Making A Great Impact in the Community) Award.

Netty says when she is serving others or volunteering, she is never thinking if someone is watching or what others are thinking of her. She only focuses on the recipient of the service, and hopefully, the positive impact her help will make in that person's life.

She thanks God for giving her the strength and tenacity to unselfishly serve others and become a change agent in the community. She also thanks her husband, Mr. Mark K. Seard for being so understanding, caring, and supportive of her ideas and aspirations. And, last but certainly not least she thanks her sweetheart, Madison Marie for sharing her mommy's time with others, so that Greenville may become a better place for her to live and grow. Her only hope is that she is watching and taking notes from Mommy.

Netty's favorite quote is from Colin Powell, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination, and hard work!" Her daily prayer is that she can continue this path and leave a positive mark for years to come.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mrs. Netty Seard for her passion and desire to serve others.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. BRADY. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 342; YEA on Roll Call No. 346; YEA on Roll Call No. 347; and YEA on Roll Call No. 349.



100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
UNKNOWN SOLDIER

**HON. CHIP ROY**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, November 11, 2021 marks the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. On this date, one hundred years ago, the first body of an unknown soldier was laid to rest in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The soldier died in World War I on the fields of France. He was brought home with honor. A representative for every American service man and woman who have served or will serve and have paid the ultimate price as ransom for our freedom.

The Unknowns buried in the graves adjacent to the Tomb are no less honored and no less remembered. They are the nameless who bear all names. They are the dead who will rest forever, guarded by the men and women of the watch, the Sentinels of the 3rd United States Army Infantry Regiment, also known as the Old Guard.

New York Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., a World War I veteran, proposed the legislation that authorized the construction of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The Major James Kerr Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution from Kerrville, Texas is honored to Commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on November 11, 2021. We unanimously pledge our devotion to the American soldier, both to those who currently serve and to those who have been involved in past armed conflict so that others might remain free. They are gone but will never be forgotten.

The Major James Kerr Chapter, NSDAR therefore asks that citizens remember on November 11, 2021 that the Unknowns who are buried in the Tomb of the Unknowns represent all men and women who have died in the service of their country.

CONGRATULATING GRAVERAET  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OF MAR-  
QUETTE, MI FOR BEING NAMED  
A 2021 NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON  
SCHOOL

**HON. JACK BERGMAN**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mr. BERGMAN. Madam Speaker, it's my honor to recognize Graveraet Elementary School of Marquette, Michigan, for being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education. Through their dedication to their students and the local community, Graveraet Elementary has become an indispensable part of the Upper Peninsula and the State of Michigan.

For 39 years, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has set out to recognize the exceptional efforts of schools around the U.S. who symbolize the gold standard for teaching and learning. Through their longtime devotion to education and academics, Graveraet Elementary School continues to go above and beyond for their students and perfectly exemplifies Yooper values on the national stage. To help their community adapt to a modernizing society, Graveraet invested in Chromebook and iPad programs that bring crucial technology to all of their students regardless of their background. The school also offers several other critical programs such as One School One Book, which organizes assemblies and luncheons each month with the Principal. Graveraet and their staffs tireless commitment has positively changed the lives of countless families and students. The impact of their work cannot be overstated.

Madam Speaker, it's my honor to congratulate the Marquette community and Graveraet Elementary School for being named a National Blue Ribbon School. With the many difficulties our schools have faced this past year, their dedicated service has created a positive and caring environment for their students to thrive in. On behalf of my constituents, I wish Graveraet Elementary School all the best in its future endeavors.

CONGRATULATING DREW HALL  
FOR WINNING THE IHSA CLASS  
1A STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR  
GOLF

**HON. CHERI BUSTOS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Drew Hall for winning the IHSA Class 1A State Championships for Golf.

Drew Hall first picked up a golf club 15 years ago, and with his skills on the green and the support of his family, he won first place at the IHSA State Championships. Drew recorded a 36-hole score of 144 at state and now joins Rockridge boys' golf history as one of the only state champions in golf in Rockridge High School history. At the end of the season, Hall's 3-under par 68 at Riverdale's Wayne Brinkmeier Invitational tied the 18-hole record and was the third of his three tournament titles. He also won gold at the Monmouth-Roseville Invite and Kewanee's Boiler Invite. As a former athlete, I commend the determination and hard work Drew has shown this season. I am proud to see him represent his community so well throughout the state with his dedication and passion for golf.

It is because of student leaders such as Drew Hall that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally congratulate Drew Hall for winning the IHSA Class 1A State Championship in golf.

SUPPORT FOR RURAL BROADBAND

**HON. CYNTHIA AXNE**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 4, 2021*

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I was unable to vote on H.R. 3193—E-BRIDGE Act. Had I been able, would have voted YEA on this legislation. This is a strong bipartisan bill that I am proud to support, which will help bring needed Economic Development Administration grants to rural communities—helping complete that "last mile". As a member of the Rural Broadband Task Force, I am always working to see Congress pass legislation that will help connect more of our rural communities with the internet.